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## Senate Bill 738 In Opposition To

## Secure Elections Act of 2022 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Hearing: February 23, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair, and Honorable Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee members,

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes and requests an unfavorable report on SB 738 Secure Elections Act of 2022.

This bill purports to solve a problem which does not exist in Maryland. It requires the "State Board of Elections in collaboration with the local boards of elections to conduct an audit of absentee ballots cast in each statewide election", even if no evidence of fraud was found in the past election.

The suggested process for this audit simply delays the reporting of the outcome of the election; and is unlikely to change the result of the election, while also adding costs to every election. Maryland is noted for its fair and honest elections. We can be proud of the way we conduct our elections and there is no need to create distrust or confusion in a system and process that works well from bills such as these.

On behalf of the almost 13,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we strongly urge your opposition to Senate Bill 738.

Sincerely,

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